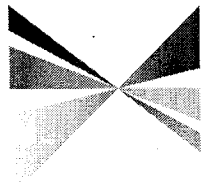


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## MEETING OF THE

# REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

**Monday, February 27, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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# REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

## AGENDA

February 27, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Honorable  
Pam O'Connor, Chair

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of January 23, 2006

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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapter  
Attachment

Alan Thompson 04  
SCAG Staff

20 Minutes

Staff will lead a discussion on goals and outcomes for the chapter.

6.2 Transportation Chapter Update  
Attachment

Alan Thompson 06  
SCAG Staff

30 Minutes

Staff will update the Task Force on preparations for the Regional Transportation Plan and discuss the ramifications on development of the RCP.

# REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

## AGENDA

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### 7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Honorable  
Pam O'Connor, Chair

### 8.0 STAFF REPORT

### 9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

### 10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force will be held at the SCAG offices on March 27, 2006.

# ***Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force***

## ***Action Minutes for January 23, 2006***

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica.

**Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica**

### **Members Present**

Bowlen, Paul  
Cook, Debbie  
Feinstein, Michael  
Garcia, LeeAnn -Video  
Miller, Mike  
Nowatka, Paul  
O'Connor, Pam  
Young, Toni

### **Representing**

Cerritos  
Huntington Beach  
Ex-officio  
Grand Terrace  
West Covina  
Torrance  
Santa Monica  
Port Hueneme

### **Members Absent**

Aldinger, Jim  
Nowatka, Paul  
Ovitt, Gary  
Perry, Bev  
Pettis, Greg

### **Representing**

Manhattan Beach  
Torrance  
San Bernardino  
Brea  
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### **New Members**

None

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

#### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None offered.

#### **3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 The minutes of November 21, 2005 were approved.

#### **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

None

# ***Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force***

## ***Action Minutes for January 23, 2006***

### **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **6.1 Update on CEQA/Regional Planning Reform**

#### **6.2 Land Use and Housing**

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, provided an overview. The on-going Administration working group effort on CEQA has concluded, with their last meeting in December and will not present any proposals of their own. Less formal sub-group discussions have evolved and will attempt to move forward based on mutual interest. One of these groups includes CALCOG, League of Cities, County Supervisors Association, and a number of environmental groups. The purpose of the discussion is to inform whatever legislation might go forward this year.

The group reviewed and discussed concepts in the draft Senate Bill No. 832.

Jacob Lieb presented an overview of potential performance measures for the Land Use and Housing Chapter and the group reviewed the measures and provided discussion. The following list was created by the group:

#### **Potential State**

#### **Law Standards**

1. Vehicle Miles Traveled/  
Household  
Reduction
2. Density Increase in  
Urban Areas
3. Density Maximum In  
Non-Urban Areas
4. Housing Supply  
All Incomes

#### **Other Standards**

1. Green Buildings
2. Energy Supplies
3. Affordability

#### **Consistency**

Local Achieves per Outcome  
or  
Local Pursues  
Plan Activities

### **6.3 Plan Schedule and Outreach**

Jacob Lieb informed the group that since incorporating these CEQA Reform Concepts in our discussions, there has become more interest in the plan developments. The Orange County Council of Governments has asked Jacob to come out and make a presentation to their Technical Advisory Committee. They will then form their own county level working group that would follow this process and advise of issues as they arise. We will continue to do this for other Subregions on an interest basis.

### **7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

# ***Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force***

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## ***Action Minutes for January 23, 2006***

### **8.0 STAFF REPORT**

Working on topic items for group and will e-mail to them.

### **9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2006, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Paul Nowatka will chair this meeting for Pam O'Connor.

# MEMO

**DATE:** February 16, 2006

**TO:** Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

**FROM:** Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner (213) 236-1940

**SUBJECT:** Security and emergency Preparedness Chapter Update

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## **SUMMARY:**

The Security Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is being developed concurrently with the Regional Transportation Plan, which has an expanded security component. This chapter will contain activities intended to implement regional goals and policies related to transportation security. This item is intended to promote discussion of goals and measurable outcomes for the security chapter and to update the committee on Security procedures and issues.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Regional Council approved an expanded approach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) process that would require the addition of measurable plan outcomes to each chapter. The purpose of the inclusion of outcomes is to provide a basis for plan accountability and monitoring going forward.

Previously, the RCP Task Force directed staff to review the mandated roles and responsibilities of federal, state and local governments in planning for and responding to security and emergency response and to examine where SCAG can augment federal, state and local governments. Staff's initial review indicates that California law provides a comprehensive listing of responsibilities for state and local in planning/response and will be presented at the meeting. This review, when fully completed will be the focus of the chapter.

For purposes of this discussion, staff has presented two areas of potential plan outcomes, the first being actual plan performance, and the second being process outcomes. The purposes of this discussion for the Task Force are to gauge the acceptability of these outcomes and to seek ideas and input for other potential outcomes.

Also, SCAG, in its role as a transportation planning agency, is required to look at security for both motorized and non-motorized travelers as required by SAFETEA-LU.

## **Performance Outcomes**

The State of California, in conjunction with each county, has a detailed emergency and disaster preparation program grounded in state law. The goal for SCAG is to determine what role(s) it can play, as a regional transportation planning agency that will augment existing mandated programs.

Performance measures listed in the 2004 RTP provide an indication on outcome measures. Currently there are no RTP security goals or performance measures. In the context of this discussion, the goal is to minimize the impacts of man-made or natural disasters/emergencies by incorporating security and emergency preparedness into transportation planning.

# MEMO

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There are two potential types of outcomes, performance and process. Performance outcomes indicate a quantitative, measurable change over the current status quo. Potential performance outcomes (within the scope of SCAG's role as a transportation planning agency), could include:

- Increasing the numbers of traffic signals that automatically change to allow rapid throughput of emergency/police vehicles.
- Develop, in cooperation with county and local governments, methods for increasing evacuation capacities and speeds.
- Develop, in cooperation with Federal, state and local agencies, self sufficiency guides for households and local governments.

Process outcomes indicate more of a political outcome designed to facilitate a policy goal. An example for this may be:

- Increase the percentage of cities that update their emergency procedures within the last five years, or
- Increase the number of cities that hold disaster drills at least once every 3-5 years with neighboring cities/communities.

## **Future Activities**

Staff has already reviewed applicable federal and state regulations as they pertain to the roles and responsibilities for security and emergency preparedness. The next step is to interview representatives from the California Office of Emergency Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and county Emergency management bureaus, and to examine how SCAG can provide benefit to their mandated roles.

The chapter will focus on:

- Federal Policies
- State Policies
- Mandated Roles of the various federal, state and local organizations
- SCAG's role as a Transportation Planning Agency, as it relates to Security and Emergency Response
- Policy Recommendations
  - Recommended Performance Outcomes
  - Recommended Process Outcomes.



# MEMO

**DATE:** February 13, 2006

**TO:** Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

**FROM:** Alan Thompson, Senior Regional Planner (213) 236-1940

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Chapter Update

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## **SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is being developed in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Plan development. This chapter will compile and record activities intended to implement regional transportation goals and policies. This item is intended to promote discussion of goals and measurable outcomes for the chapter and to update the committee on evolving Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) processes and issues.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Regional Council approved an expanded approach for the Regional Comprehensive Plan process that would require the addition of measurable plan outcomes to each chapter. The purpose of the inclusion of outcomes is to provide a basis for plan accountability and monitoring going forward. SCAG has used an innovated outcome oriented process for the 2004 RTP and will expand on that approach for the next RTP

For purposes of this discussion, staff has presented two areas of potential plan outcomes, the first being actual plan performance, and the second being process outcomes. The purpose of this discussion for the Task Force is to be informed on developing issues and to provide input to that process.

In developing the outcomes, it is important to reference changes in federal and state planning policies that may affect development of outcomes and performance measures. SAFETEA-LU, the federal Transportation reauthorization legislation, has changes related to previous planning requirements, including:

- identifying intermodal and multimodal connectors as "Transportation Facilities,"
- greater emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle facilities,
- updated operational and management strategies,
- new environmental requirements and
- greater consultation and cooperation with other agencies and interested parties.
- Security as a stand-alone planning factor.

# MEMO

Additionally, new planning emphasis areas have been developed by State and federal transportation agencies. These include:

## **California Planning Emphasis Areas**

- Project Monitoring
- Highway Performance Monitoring System
- Financial Planning / Fiscal Constraint

## **Federal Transit Administration Emphasis Areas**

- Incorporating Safety and Security in Transportation Planning
- Participation of Transit Operators in Metropolitan and Statewide Planning
- Coordination of Non-Emergency Human Service Transportation
- Planning for Transit Systems Management/Operations to Increase Ridership
- Support Transit Capital Investment Decisions through Effective Systems Planning

## **ADOPTED POLICIES**

The following policies were adopted by the SCAG Regional Council to guide the development of the 2004 RTP and further reflect the transportation priorities for the Region:

### **2004 Regional Transportation Plan**

#### **RTP Goals**

- Maximize **mobility** and **accessibility** for all people and goods in the region.
- Ensure travel **safety** and **reliability** for all people and goods in the region.
- **Preserve** and **ensure** a sustainable regional transportation system.
- Maximize the **productivity** of our transportation system.
- Protect the **environment**, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency.
- Encourage **land use and growth patterns** that complement our transportation investments.

#### **RTP Policies**

- Transportation investments shall be based on SCAG's adopted Regional Performance Indicators (see below).
- Ensuring safety, adequate maintenance, and efficiency of operations on the existing multi-modal transportation system will be RTP priorities and will be balanced against the need for system expansion investments.
- RTP land use and growth strategies that differ from currently expected trends will require a collaborative implementation program that identifies required actions and policies by all affected agencies and sub-regions.
- HOV gap closures that significantly increase transit and rideshare usage will be supported and encouraged, subject to Policy #1.

# MEMO

## Performance Outcomes

Performance measures listed in the 2004 RTP provide an indication on outcome measures. There are two potential types of outcomes, performance and process.

Performance outcomes indicate a quantitative change over the current status quo. For example, "Mobility" can be measured by average speeds during peak periods with a set goal of improving speeds.

Process outcomes indicate more of a political outcome designed to facilitate a performance outcome. An example may be a goal for 50% of all cities to coordinate with neighboring cities to synchronize traffic signals.

## 2004 RTP Goals and Related Performance Outcomes

RTP Goals	RTP Performance Measures								
	Mobility	Accessibility	Cost-Effectiveness	Reliability	Productivity	Safety	Preservation	Sustainability	Environment
Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the Region	✓	✓	✓						✓
Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the Region	✓			✓		✓			✓
Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system							✓	✓	✓
Maximize the productivity of our transportation system	✓				✓				✓
Protect the environment, improve air quality and promote energy efficiency									✓
Encourage land use and growth patterns that complement our transportation investments	✓	✓							✓